



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Auburn – Man Arrested on Arson Charge for Fire Near Foresthill Bridge

(U) Robert Thornton, 52, a transient living in the Auburn area was arrested on suspicion of arson for a fire that happened near Foresthill Bridge on 29 September. Just before 2 AM last Tuesday, firefighters responded to a fire near the Foresthill Bridge off Lincoln Way in Auburn. They were able to limit the fire to just a quarter of an acre. Thornton was booked into the Placer County Jail on \$235,000 bail.

SOURCE: 2 October 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

#### (U) Fresno – 13 Charged in Connection to a Multi-State Trafficking Ring

(U) Three Fresno men and 10 others are charged with conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, fentanyl-laced counterfeit OxyContin pills, and heroin. Authorities said they spent nine months investigating the Fresno drug-trafficking ring that allegedly spread into Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and Nebraska. Authorities seized approximately 34,144 counterfeit OxyContin pills containing fentanyl, 7-pounds of cocaine, 2-pounds of heroin, 137-pounds of methamphetamine and \$142,000 during the investigation.

SOURCE: 2 October 2020, [Fresno Bee](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – Man Arrested with Drugs, Firearms, and Passports in His Possession

(U) William Radford was arrested in Koreatown for possession of narcotics for sale with a loaded firearm, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and receiving stolen property. Santa Monica police officers caught Radford as they conducted a search warrant. Police allegedly discovered fentanyl, heroin, prescription pills, and roughly \$300,000 in cash. Police allegedly seized a stolen Glock handgun, a shotgun, ammunition, numerous US passports, various identification cards, and driver's licenses belonging to other persons.

SOURCE: 2 October 2020, [Patch](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – US Border Patrol Agents Arrest Known Gang Members

(U) El Paso – US Border Patrol agents arrested two members of the Paisa gang in the El Paso area. Both Paisa gang members had been removed multiple times from the US in prior incidents dating back to April of 2018. The remaining individuals were arrested in connection with drug possession and assault of various individuals.

SOURCE: 3 October 2020, [Deming Headlight](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Michigan – FBI Agent Injured and Suspect Dead after Madison Heights Shooting

(U) Detroit – The FBI confirmed that an agent was shot and suspect Eric Allport was killed on Friday evening near a Texas Roadhouse restaurant. The agent that was shot remained hospitalized but in good condition as of Friday night. Further details of the shooting were not released, but the Special Agent in

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Charge indicated the team of agents tried to arrest Allport for a federal weapons offense. The arrest was apart of an ongoing case.

SOURCE: 2 October 2020, [Detroit Free Press](#)

### **(U) Washington – Protesters Arrested After Throwing Explosives and Tagging Buildings with Graffiti**

(U) Seattle – Seattle police arrested 16 protesters for allegedly destroying property, failing to disperse, and rendering criminal assistance. Shortly after 9 PM a group of protesters marched from the Cal Anderson Park area and a few members of the group began damaging property along the way. The group shattered windows at a Starbucks Coffee shop and threw an explosive inside. Photos of the graffiti spray-painted on buildings read “Kill cops” and “Save a life, Hang a cop.” Police declared an unlawful assembly and ordered the crowd to disperse. As officers began moving the crowd out of the area an explosive was thrown at officers.

SOURCE: 4 October 2020, [Fox News](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Morocco – ISIS-Affiliated Terrorist Cell Dismantled**

(U) Tangier – The Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations (BCIJ) dismantled an ISIS-affiliated terrorist cell operating in the city of Tangier. The search operation led to the seizure of knives, electronic equipment, and other devices. Preliminary information showed the members of the cell hoped to join ISIS camps in the Sahel but were unable to do so. Subsequently, the members of the cell planned to undermine Morocco’s security and stability. Their plot was inspired by ISIS operations carried out in Syria-Iraq. Investigators also found a video documenting allegiance made by the head of the terrorist cell to current emir of ISIS vowing to comply with orders and serve ISIS’ agenda.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, [North Africa Post](#)

### **(U) Switzerland – Police Arrest Four Suspected of Funding and Recruiting ISIS Terrorists**

(U) Fribourg – Swiss authorities have arrested four people in a number of ISIS terror raids in connection with a network suspected of financing the group. It is alleged the group recruited terrorists, financed their travel to Syria and helped others return from fighting for the ISIS cause. Prosecutors further allege the suspects financed the terrorist group and promoted propaganda. Those arrested include a 26-year-old Kosovan man, a 28-year-old Kosovan woman, a 29-year-old Macedonian man, and a 34-year-old Swiss-Kosovan dual national.

SOURCE: 5 October 2020, [The National](#)

### **(U) United Kingdom – Teenage Member of Far-Right Group Researched Firearms for Race War**

(U) Rugby – A 17-year-old neo-Nazi who was researching how to convert firearms for a race war has been found guilty at court of terrorism offences. The teenager hoarded weapons and military paraphernalia and had downloaded dozens of documents about guns and tactics. Officers executed a warrant at the boy's home after discovering that he was conversing with others who shared his extremist views online. Detectives indicated the boy had an interest in other attacks across the world and that they recovered evidence that indicated he was preparing for an act of terrorism.

SOURCE: 3 October 2020, [Coventry Telegraph](#)

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